



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: SAEKI
Serial No.: 09/755,696
Filed: January 5, 2001
For: PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL MANUFACTURING APPARATUS...
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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed March 5, 2003.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2, beginning at page 1, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A plasma display panel is generally formed by a front substrate and a rear substrate which have mutually perpendicular opposing electrodes on each of the substrates, a glass tube (hereinafter referred to as an exhaust tube) mounted by low-melting-point glass so as to join a through hole provided beforehand on the rear substrate for the purpose of introducing and exhausting gas, these elements being placed in a sealing furnace so as to melt the low-melting-point glass and form the glass vessel. In addition to release of the exhaust gas via the exhaust tube, the panel is heated to release internal gas. After degassing for a prescribed amount of time in order to achieve a prescribed level of vacuum, filling is done with a gas such as neon (Ne),

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